Poverty Alleviation

2629. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps his Ministry is taking to alleviate poverty; and

(b) the States which have taken serious steps in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is already implementing an employment-oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Centrally sponsored scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on All India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997. The SJSRY strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have not studied beyond 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employement by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

The scheme is being implemented on All India basis through States/ UTs Government and every State/UT makes efforts to implement the scheme effectively. However, some States *viz.* Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Gujarat are performing better than rest of the States/UTs in the implementation of the scheme.

BPL population

2630. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had conducted Survey to find out people Below Poverty Line (BPL);

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the break-up of these figures with reference to rural India and urban India; and

(d) the actions that are proposed to see that the entire population is able to get one time meal atleast?